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Student volunteers energize local campaigns as November nears

by Erica Ivins '21
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Along with homework, classes, and extracurriculars, many Hamilton students have worked on local campaigns this semester as the 2018 midterm elections approach.

Hamilton College is a part of New York's 22nd Congressional District. Claudia Tenney, a member of the Republican Party, currently represents the district in the House of Representatives. She is running for re-election this year against New York Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, a member of the Democratic Party.

Both politicians have had Hamilton College students work on their campaigns this academic year and over the summer through Professor of Government Philip Klinkner's Electoral Politics class. Students had the choice of volunteering for either the Brindisi campaign or the Tenney campaign.

"On a local level there has been a lot of energy in the Democratic base," said Sam Gordon '19. "Trump's election has frustrated many voters and caused them to start involving themselves in the local campaigns, Democratic committees, and organizations, like Indivisible Mohawk Valley. Additionally, the primary elections on a local level were very exciting."

Some students found that despite a perceived era of political polarization, bipartisanship has still characterized some aspects of appeals to voters in the 22nd District.

"There is a lot of energy and support for Anthony's campaign. He is from Utica and has deep ties to the community here," said Gordon. "Democrats and Republicans have been happy with the work he has done in the State Assembly. People are voting for the first time because they believe in Anthony's mission."

Ben Rhind '19, who has worked in the field for the Brindisi campaign and also serves as president of the Hamilton College Democrats, agrees with Gordon.

"I've talked to people who say they've never voted Democrat, but they see all the work Anthony has done for the Utica area in the State Assembly, and they see what Representative Tenney has done in Congress, and they're willing to cross the aisle for the first time," said Rhind. "It's been inspiring to see that with an honest message and a well-run campaign, you can break through that partisan divide."

Students on the Brindisi campaign say that common voter concerns do not not necessarily reflect those on the national level.

"I think there is a real disconnect between the national political media and what things really look like on the ground. People here aren't focused on a caravan of immigrants, they are focused on how they will lose their healthcare if the ACA is repealed," said Rhind.

"Understandably, a lot of people here feel like our political system has forgotten about this area, and Claudia Tenney's voting record and refusal to host open town halls has really contributed to that frustration."

Gordon added, "There is a huge difference between being in class and learning about American politics or reading the news, compared to going up to someone's home and speaking face-to-face about their concerns," said Gordon.

The hands-on nature of the campaign has proved beneficial to students interested in pursuing careers in public policy, electoral politics, government, or other related areas. For Gordon, the experience has been positive in more ways than one.

"I have been pleasantly surprised by how many women I got to work with on the campaign staff. Politics, and campaigns in particular, have traditionally been male-dominated environments," she said. "Seeing this many women excelling in the field that I am interested in pursuing after graduation has been very encouraging!"

Gordon adds that she thinks it is vital for Hamilton students to participate in local politics as much, if not even more than, their involvement in their hometowns.

"We live here for 9 months out of the year for 4 years. That is a long time! I believe that it is close-minded to think that we don't have an impact on this community," she said.

"NY-22 is a swing district. The general makeup of this district makes it so our vote statistically matters more than it would in other parts of the country. Local politics in Oneida County affects my everyday life in a much more tangible way than the outcome of my hometown elections."

Rhind echoed this sentiment, stressing the importance of young people pursuing support for the politics and ideologies that matter to them and their generation.

"It's become clear that if we sit back and leave politics to older generations, the results will be disastrous. It's easy to feel disgusted with politics, to feel like this system does nothing for us and is impossible to change, but we do have the power to hold our representatives accountable for their actions," he said.

"There is so much at stake in these elections: the future of our climate, protections for the LGBTQ community, protecting people's right to affordable healthcare, holding the Trump administration accountable for their blatant corruption, and so much more."

Local campaigns have offered students the opportunity to be directly involved in the College's community at-large through participating in local political campaigns and familiarizing themselves with the surrounding area.

"My 'Hamilton College experience' has been deepened by my involvement on the Brindisi campaign. I have formed a much stronger connection with this area and the people who have lived here for generations," said Gordon.

"It is one of my biggest regrets, as a senior, that I didn't start doing work like this sooner. I would encourage students of all years and all majors to seek out ways to involve themselves in the local community in any capacity, not just politics."

Students working for the Claudia Tenney campaign were unavailable for comment.

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Students in Professor Klinkner's Electoral Politics class have worked for local campaigns ahead of the midterm elections

College prepares to welcome visitors ahead of eventful Fallcoming weekend

by Jonina Mignon '21
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The Hamilton community is looking forward to welcoming alumni, families, and prospective students to the campus for this year's Fallcoming celebrations. The weekend of Oct. 25-28 is packed with a range of different events, including speakers, lectures, games, and fundraisers, as well as performances and receptions hosted by members of the College administration, sports teams, and clubs. On Thursday, Oct. 25, families can register for the weekend's various events, pickup campus maps, check schedules, and enjoy refreshments. Classes on Thursday and Friday are open for parents and friends to attend. In addition, the Career Center will be hosting speeches by Kate Childs, a public relations executive, Geoff and Melanie Johnson, two doctors, and Amy Greenan, who will speak about her career in defense intelligence. On Thursday, off-campus guests will also get the chance to hear about the experiences of Michael Klosson '71, who will recount his experiences working to aid humanitarian crises, a talk courtesy of the Levitt Center. There will also be chances for parents of current Hamilton students to explore career options for their children through the Career Center's Find Yourself programs. For those more interested in a politically-based discussion, the second annual Common Ground speaker series event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, featuring two Hamilton alumni, Mike Dubke '92 and Marc Elias '90, who will speak about their careers in political communications and issues of polarization in America. The event will be moderated by journalist and independent communications consultant, Jackie Judd P'14.

Many academic departments and student organizations are looking to showcase their work to the weekend's guests by offering workshops, tours, and fundraisers. The Career Center is hosting an open house on Friday. There will also be tours of the technology department of Burke Library, the Wellin Museum, and the long-awaited Center for Health and Wellness named for Reverend Dr. Beth Johnson P'93 and Joel W. Johnson '65, P'93. Student organizations like Men of Hamilton Against Sexual Assault (MOHASA), Sexual Misconduct and Assault Reform Task-Force (SMART), and Sexual Assault Violence Education and Support (SAVES) are raising awareness and money for the Purple Ribbon Campaign, while the Microfinancing Club aims to donate funds to supporting small businesses in Oneida County by having participants guess the weight of a giant pumpkin. Guests are also welcome to attend numerous performances, including the Student Dance Alliance showcase, performances put on by the Hamilton College Choir and Department of Dance and Movement Studies, an a capella concert, and a jazz concert series, all on Friday, Oct. 26.

For guests looking to enjoy the outdoor features of the campus, guided Glen walks will be offered throughout Saturday, Oct. 27 led by the College's Sustainability Coordinators. There are also multiple athletic events to attend. The men's Rugby team will be having their championship game on Minor Field on Saturday. Other games that day include club hockey, football, volleyball, and club soccer games.

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The football game on Saturday, Oct. 27 is just one of many events scheduled for family and friends this weekend

Of course, Fallcoming wouldn't be Fallcoming without the celebration of members of the Hamilton community returning to campus and coming together once more. The Classes of 1969-1973 will be meeting on Friday to discuss their plans for their 50th reunions, while the Emerson Literary Society, HEOP, the Class of 1955, and members of the 1812 Leadership Circle will all welcome back alumni with reunions and shared meals. Guests are also welcome to share in the College's appreciation for different departments around the school with the Back Our Blue athletics reception and joining current members of the Hamilton community to thank our alumni, friends, and family for their support and donations during the Because Hamilton event at halftime of the football game on Saturday.

Guests can view the full lineup of events under the Fall Weekend Schedule on the College website, hamilton.edu. The Hamilton community is excited to welcome its alumni, family, and friends for this annual weekend of celebration.

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NESCAC NEWS

by Benjamin Katz '20
News Editor

Former President of Middlebury College passes away

On Oct. 22, Olin Robinson, the 13th President of Middlebury College, passed away at the age of 82 surrounded by family in Baltimore, Maryland. Robinson served from 1975 to 1990, and was instrumental in extending financial aid to middle-class families and reshaping the Middlebury curriculum.

Prior to embarking on a career in academia, he served as special assistant to the deputy of the Secretary of State. Before joining Middlebury's administration, he held professorial and administrative positions at Wesleyan University and Bowdoin College.

Middlebury College's David Stameshkin, in an official obituary, reflected that, "Robison succeeded remarkably well in accomplishing all these tasks and achieved other advances as well: curricular and program development, a larger faculty, redesign of the administrative structure, improvement and modernization of the physical plant, and changes in the admissions and student services areas. [He] helped raise substantial funds in pursuit of these goals and spurred unprecedented media coverage of Middlebury's progress."

Following his time at Middlebury, Robinson became president of the Salzburg Global Seminar, a position he held until 2005. Robinson received an honorary degree from Middlebury in 2000. The citation for Robinson read: "During your 15 years as president, Middlebury reached new heights of national and international prominence."

Bates College announces $28 million in gifts for fiscal year 2018

In a press release, Bates College announced that Bates alumni, parents, and friends had donated $28 million to Bates during the fiscal year ending June 30. Sarah Person, the Bates Vice President for College Advancement, wrote, "I want to express deep appreciation to all who chose to invest in Bates this past year."

Over 500 volunteers participated in the fundraising campaign, which was the first public year of the Bates Campaign. Since 2013, total yearly giving to Bates has consistently increased. 45 percent of alumni made gifts, which, according to Bates, was one of the highest percentages was among liberal arts colleges.

Launched in 2017, the Bates Campaign has now raised $190 million towards its goal of $300 million. Bates alumni engagement has increased heavily with the campaign. The Reunion for the Class of 1993, their 25th anniversary, attracted 32 percent of the class, which is the highest attendance rate in Bates history.

"The Class of 1993's efforts are amazing — and illustrative of the great work that our volunteers do and the generous response by Bates alumni," Pearson said. "To the hundreds of alumni and parent volunteers who support the Bates Fund effort in so many ways: Thank you. Your help and support are invaluable."

Off-campus round-up: resignations, hurricanes, and overnight billionaires

by Amanda Kim '21
News Editor

In an effort to connect with current events off the Hill – locally, domestically, and abroad – The Spectator *will periodically publish a news recap that seeks to inform the Hamilton community on the basics of contemporary issues.*

President of Ethiopia resigns

The President of Ethiopia, Mulatu Teshome, reportedly submitted a letter of resignation to the country's parliament on Oct. 24. Teshome, who took office in 2013, had often pushed for a more democratic government in Ethiopia. His resignation follows a political cabinet reshuffle begun by Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed a week prior. Ethiopian state news has reported that lawmakers in the upper and lower houses of the country's parliament will consider Teshome's resignation on Thursday. Prime Minister Ahmed is currently Africa's youngest leader and has made radical changes since taking office. He has freed a number of political prisoners and has overseen the aforementioned reshuffle, through which women now occupy half of the country's ministerial seats. Most recently, Ahmed appointed Ethiopia's first female defense minister.

Hurricane Willa weakens

Hurricane Willa weakened to a tropical depression on Oct. 24. By the time it crosses the US-Mexico border, the tropical storm is expected to have weakened even more. Willa hit its peak as a Category 5 hurricane, registering winds of 55 mph over the Pacific on Oct. 22. The storm then weakened to a Category 3 once hitting land, but still registered maximum sustained winds of 120 mph. Evacuations in Mexico continue. So far, no casualties have been reported.

Single lottery ticket in South Carolina wins $1.5 billion jackpot

A single lottery ticket in South Carolina won a $1.537 billion Mega Millions jackpot on Oct. 23. This prize marks the largest US jackpot ever won by a single ticket, and the second-largest US jackpot ever, falling short of the $1.586 billion Powerball jackpot split by three tickets in January 2016. The lucky mystery winner has not yet called in to claim their prize. They have 180 days to do so, and could choose to withhold their name from the public when they claim the money. Their winning numbers were 5, 28, 62, 65 and 70, with a Mega Ball of 5.

Bombs sent to Obama, Clinton, CNN, and others

On Oct. 24, U.S. authorities intercepted bombs apparently intended for former President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and a number of other political figures. CNN's New York bureau in Time Warner Center also received a package containing a bomb, addressed to former CIA Director John Brennan. Authorities believe these are part of a connected series of incidents and are investigating them as such. So far, nobody has been injured.

Campus Safety Incident Report

In an effort to increase Campus Safety's transparency, *The Spectator* publishes a selection of the previous week's incidents each Thursday. Both Campus Safety and *The Spectator* use discretion regarding what is published.

Thursday, October 18

12:56 A.M. Area Check – Kirkland Hall
11:12 A.M. Odor of Marijuana – Dunham Hall
12:26 P.M. Fire Alarm – Chapel
1:20 P.M. Odor of Marijuana – Griffin Rd. Apartments
1:59 P.M. Complaint – Griffin Rd. Apartments

Friday, October 19

12:05 A.M. Medical Emergency – Wertimer House
12:37 A.M. Medical Emergency – Kennedy Arts Center
4:15 A.M. Fire Alarm – North Campus
9:17 A.M. Medical Emergency – Burke Library
4:01 P.M. Assist – Glen House
8:24 P.M. Medical Emergency – On Campus
8:48 P.M. Area Check – Bundy Dining Hall
8:52 P.M. Area Check – Bristol Campus Center
9:33 P.M. Assist – Bristol Campus Center
9:55 P.M. Complaint – North Campus
10:06 P.M. Area Check – Tolles Pavilion
10:42 P.M. Complaint – North Hall

Saturday, October 20

12:02 A.M. Complaint – Morris House
12:46 A.M. Medical Emergency – Wallace Johnson Hall
9:31 A.M. Trouble Alarm – Siuda House
1:40 P.M. Concern for Welfare – Keehn Hall
1:55 P.M. Complaint – Babbitt Hall
5:31 P.M. Assist – Beinecke Village
7:09 P.M. Trouble Alarm – McEwen Dining Hall
7:32 P.M. Area Check – Bristol Pool
7:52 P.M. Area Check – Alumni Gym
10:15 P.M. Area Check – Tolles Pavilion

Sunday, October 21

12:21 A.M. Area Check – North Campus
1:45 A.M. Medical Emergency – North Campus
11:55 A.M. Complaint – South Campus
3:38 A.M. Concern for Welfare – North Hall
8:57 A.M. Trouble Alarm – Milbank Hall
9:00 A.M. Concern for Welfare – North Hall
9:09 A.M. Complaint – North Hall
9:46 A.M. Area Check – Root Glen

Monday, October 22

1:27 A.M. Tow Vehicle – Ferguson Faculty Parking Lots
4:39 P.M. Noise Complaint – Tennis Courts
8:20 P.M. Trouble Alarm – Minor Hall
8:45 P.M. Assist – Anderson-Connell Alumni Center

Tuesday, October 23

12:02 A.M. Trouble Alarm – McEwen Dining Hall
12:14 A.M. Trouble Alarm – Skenandoa Hall
10:36 P.M. Medical Emergency – North Hall

Wednesday, October 24

12:39 P.M. Motorist Assist – On Campus

Letter to the Editor: The Rohingya People, 'Unworthy Victims' and Wider Lessons of Genocide

Dear *Spectator* Editorial Board,

On Friday last I attended the showing of the "I am Rohingya" documentary organized by a student group on campus. This extremely moving film addresses the plight of the Rohingya people, a Muslim minority population facing genocide and mass expulsion at the hands of the Myanmar (Burma) regime. Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya have fled from the genocide into refugee camps in Bangladesh. Those remaining continue to face daily brutality, gang rapes, social exclusion, and humiliation, all typical of ethnic cleansing. The silence of Nobel Prize winner and leader of Myanmar, Aung San Suu Kyi, in the face of the crisis, is appalling. Nonetheless, calls for her to be stripped of the Nobel Prize have been declined on the grounds of procedure and protocol. The silence is not only hers: what the film brings into focus is the general indifference to this genocide. And silence is complicity, in a world where mass and fast communication and social media are practically at the disposal of a vast swathe of humankind, and there can be no excuse that people are silent in spite of awareness of the terrible plight of the Rohingya.

Indifference to genocide and repression even where confirmed evidence is available seems to be a consistent feature in history. When King Leopold of Belgium and his forces tortured and murdered 10 million Congolese for ivory, rubber, and other products the world reacted only in fits and starts to the unveiling of the horror. To this day the Congolese genocide is little known or discussed, even in academia. But the judgment of George Washington Williams on events in the Congo is instructive: Williams, a black veteran Union soldier in the American Civil War was invited to witness the "good things" being accomplished by King Leopold's antislavery facade. What Washington witnessed led him instead to declare what was occurring in the Congo a "crime against humanity". This phrase is still used in modern human rights fora as a descriptive for ethnic cleansing and genocide.

Silence and blatant inaction were also present in the 1930s prior to the Holocaust when the Nazis carried out mass pogroms against Jews. Only after the war was the full extent of the horror acknowledged on the world stage and nations pledged to confront and prevent genocide and conventions were adopted.

But these conventions were defied and ignored during the Cold War. Very few knew or spoke up for the million-plus massacred by the US supported Indonesian military in 1965. Then in the recent past, it was Cambodia, Chile, Rwanda and Kosovo and so many more instances of genocide human suffering, and parallel inaction by the world community. In very few cases was there timely intervention except by those few brave souls and organizations across the ideological divide who carry the message and speak truth to power.

It is not only the Rohingya people who face genocide and ethnic cleansing in modern times. The children, women, and men of Yemen, Syria, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, and Honduras also face genocide.

It should be our duty to expose and condemn any crime against humanity, no matter the ideological or political quarter from which it occurs. Unfortunately, in these times influential states like the United States decide, on account of selfish economic and strategic imperatives, who receive support when it comes to the victims of genocide and refugees. This leads to what someone has described as "worthy and unworthy victims." By this standard, the sufferers under the Saudi Arabian state, no matter the abuses that state perpetrates against its own citizens and its invading of neighboring states like Yemen, are "unworthy" victims. The Rohingya, too, are apparently "unworthy" victims. Only one organization, Doctors across Borders, appears to be directly addressing the plight of these people.

"I am Rohingya" is required viewing. Thanks to the student organization for taking a small step towards building our common awareness of the forgotten. There are those among us who writhe in discomfort over these issues because they are uncomfortable. In other words, our national reflex is to avoid these tragedies lest we are caught having to choose between "worthy" and "unworthy" victims.

The Rohingya people deserve our active solidarity.

Sincerely

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The true importance of being "ubuntu" in an increasingly polarized and isolated community

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This summer I had the pleasure of working at Wediko Children's Services in their Summer Program as a residential counselor. Wediko is a non-profit organization that provides therapeutic and educational services to children with serious emotional and behavioral problems and their families. The Summer Program is a 45-day inpatient program in which children ages 9-19 develop strengths, interests, and hidden talents. The community of care at the Wediko Summer Program was one forged through mutual struggle and quite literally blood, sweat, and tears.

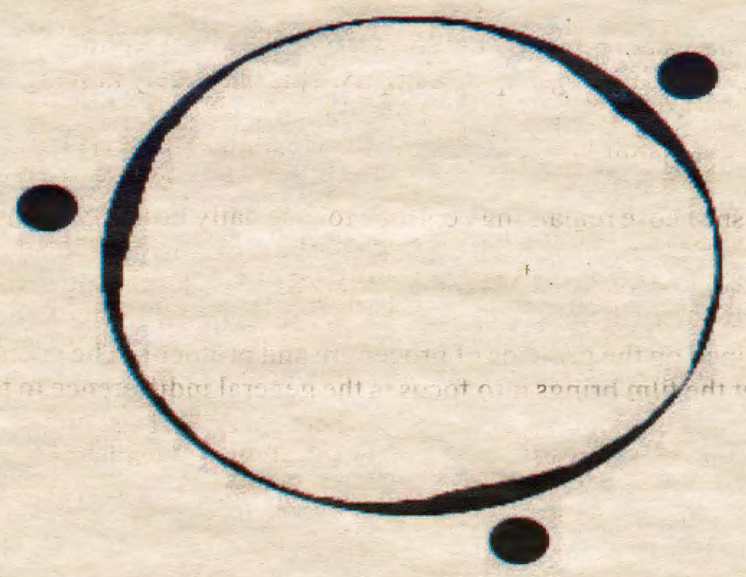
When I first arrived to Wediko, I had no concept of what I was getting myself into or how challenging the work would be. When you spend every waking minute with 8-10 children with a plethora of disorders, including (but not limited to) Bipolar Disorder, Reactive Attachment Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Autism Spectrum Disorder, you inevitably run into challenges. New staff, like myself, do not always come to the Summer Program equipped to deal with the myriad challenges that the Summer Program brings, which is why the training period is so crucial. In this first week, in addition to the therapeutic interventions and behavior trauma saturated approach we were instructed to take, a concept called "ubuntu" was repeatedly brought up. Ubuntu is critical to the zeitgeist of the Wediko Summer Program, and I believe it should be critical to the Hamilton community as well.

Ubuntu is a Nguni Banti term that is best translated as: "I am because we are." In a more philosophical sense, the term ubuntu is: there is a totality of the human experience encompassed by sharing and by community. Ubuntu means that you are a reflection of the people around you just as they are a reflection of you. The 'I am' is not rigidly defined, rather it is a dynamic self-constitution that is wholly reliant on otherness and distance to other human beings. This term was made popular and culturally relevant by Desmond Tutu during South Africa's transition to democracy in 1994. Tutu was the chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and used this philosophy to structure the work that the TRC did.

Ubuntu became a term synonymous with community and the interwoven nature of the human experience. President Barack Obama, in his eulogy of Nelson Mandela, proclaimed that ubuntu captures the very essence of Mandela. "[Mandela's] recognition that we are all bound together in ways that are invisible to the eye; that there is a oneness to humanity; that we achieve ourselves by sharing ourselves with others, and caring for those around us," Obama said.

My time at Wediko instilled in me the importance of ubuntu. I would have been incapable of surviving the summer without those around me, let alone be the clinical staff member that the children in my care needed me to be.

Through the hardships and the successes, through the frustration and the breakthroughs, I felt fully enmeshed in the community of the Wediko Summer Program. When I came back to Hamilton, I acutely felt a loss of this communal love, appreciation, support, and understanding. The time period between the children leaving our care and the staff returning to the real world is called "re-orientation." During this time period we attempted to come to terms with the experience, as well as spend our several last precious days with the people we'd come to know and love. First year staff were told that the re-entry to "normal" life would be a jarring one. I must admit I was not prepared for quite how difficult it would be.



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We are a small campus. There is no reason that we should not have the sense of community and a mutual existence afforded to a group of our size. Yet this campus seems to be incredibly polarized. People are defined by their in-group, and often seem to have troubles connecting with or relating to those who are outside their tight knit group of friends. When you walk down Martin's Way and attempt to make eye contact or greet those in passing, more often than not your greeting is ignored. On the weekends people socialize with members of their in-group, rarely stepping outside of their well-established routines. I contend that Hamilton could benefit from trying to be more ubuntu.

The relationships and context of the Wediko Summer Program made relying on those around you and stepping outside of your comfort zone a necessity. It isn't hard to see how a community grows tightly interwoven when your physical safety and the safety of the children entrusted to your care depends on any random individual on setting. There was great comfort in knowing that truly anyone would go out of their way to support you or assist you if you needed help, whether or not you asked for it. This is something that I don't see at Hamilton.

I'm aware that the context of Wediko is different than Hamilton in some regards, but in many ways it is similar. At both the Summer Program and Hamilton, young adults grapple with emotional and physical challenges. In both places, I am asked to be the best self that I can be, and I am forced to rely on the people around me and the community as a whole if I am to succeed to the best of my abilities. At Hamilton we may not be doing daily therapeutic interventions, but we struggle with academics, extracurricular demands, leadership positions in clubs, athletics, jobs on campus, and a whole host of other stressors.

We as a community must become more inclusive and aware of those outside of our in-group. There is a sense of wholeness and inclusivity that Hamilton lacks. Rarely in Commons or Diner do you see people sitting with people they don't know intimately well, and students that choose to eat alone are never (to my knowledge) approached and asked if they want company. Students that are visibly upset don't receive care from "strangers" on this campus. Something as simple as asking how someone is doing or offering them a hug can be all it takes to turn their day around. No one on this campus should be made to feel "other."

I think that there is an inherent indifference we must, as a community, strive to overcome. I recognize that I'm coming off as awfully idealistic at best, foolishly naïve some would say, but I'm gripped by utter conviction. Many of the issues that students raise when polled on this campus could be addressed by a stronger sense of community and belonging. Fostering a sense of unity is impossible without buy-ins from individuals. I charge you to make the change you wish to see.

I wish I could say with certainty that if I was struggling I could ask a random passerby in KJ or the Science Center to help me, but I don't know that they would. I realize that this may be a pipe dream, and that this philosophy of ubuntu may seem like it has no relevance to life at Hamilton. We are in an isolated bubble on the Hill, we are a reflection of those around us. Like it or not, our experience is dependent on the community of the College as a whole. If the attitudes towards a community of care, love, and genuine empathy were more "ubuntu-esque", I believe we as a Hamily would benefit.

Thumbs Up	Thumbs Down	Who Cares?
It's a Scorpio season. I'm a Scorpio! This is a season for secrets. Email them to us. Maybe cheat on your significant other a bit, tell us the stories. That "what are the odds" game. Classic stuff! You ever play that? I once knew a kid who had to eat so many Altoids. Halloweekend. Lets get spooky.	The sickly green plant in the sociology resource room, which is where we're currently writing this column. It looks so dumb and stupid. Father's bringing his new girlfriend, whom I despise, to Hamilton for Parents' Weekend. Carla is not my parent, I refuse to address her as mother.	Getting a flu shot? Uh, no thanks. If everyone else is doing it why should I? It was my birthday this week! I turned 21! All my friends said "happy birthday" and I had a great day. Does anyone have some good pain meds for my friend? He took a cruel fall over his bike's handlebars.

by Zach Deming '20 and Gwyn Sise '19

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this column are purely of a satirical nature, and are not representative of the views of *The Spectator* editorial board.

Rebutting popular narratives around the necessity of veganism

by Tiffany Lopes '21
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Veganism, the diet that eliminates the consumption of all animal products, has undoubtedly marked itself as one of the trendiest and fastest growing diets of recent years. There's been a 600 percent increase in Americans identifying as vegan since 2014, and a higher demand for plant-based foods, with an 8.1 percent increase in 2017. The food system in the United States is quickly changing to meet this demand, with grocery markets, school cafeterias, and restaurants all over the nation augmenting their selection of vegan-friendly foods as a business tactic. While some convert to veganism simply because of ethical beliefs, others are doing it with the assumption that it's more environmentally-sustainable and for its supposed health benefits. With all of these presumptions in mind, I asked myself, how much of the vegan narrative is actually true, and how much of it is speculation?

One of the biggest reasons many have made the change to a vegan diet is because of the belief that it is more environmentally-friendly. Within this claim is the argument that meat production increases greenhouse gas emissions from methane, also known as "cow farts," that cattle release. Methane is a byproduct of digestion. Here, it is important to distinguish factory-farmed cows from grass-fed cows. Factory farms, which raise a total of 78 percent of cattle in the United States, feed cows with grains and inject them with hormones and antibiotics to reduce production costs. A study by the National Trust titled "What's Your Beef?" found that when accounting for carbon sequestration, grass-fed beef actually reduces carbon emissions, contrary to many reports that stated otherwise and relied on a limited life cycle assessment to assess greenhouse gas emissions.

According to *The Huffington Post*, the study found that "well managed pasture on the less intensive systems [...] actually reduced net emissions by up to 94 percent." Contrary to popular belief, the problem of cow flatulence is not wholly related to the cows themselves. Rather, the factory style of farming production changes what a cow's natural diet is supposed to be (grass) and replaces it with harmful grains, which affect the cattle's digestion, the net result being that a large quantity of methane is produced. The issue, then, has to do with how the cows are being raised.

Another issue raised by veganism advocates regarding the environmental impact of animal consumption is the immense amount of water used in the process of meat production. The Global Agricultural Organization states that 69 percent of the world's freshwater withdrawals are used for agricultural production, and most of that water is used for the livestock's food consumption. Industrial livestock have a far higher water footprint than traditional and organic farming, since most of the grains used to feed them are corn and soy crops, which are irrigated. Feed from areas with natural rainfall typically doesn't rely on irrigation channels, but there is an issue brought up when droughts occur.

The problem with associating all animal consumption to an excessive amount of water use is that it doesn't account for sustainable livestock production, which doesn't pose nearly as much of a water usage problem. It is also necessary to address how many of the staple foods used in vegan diets also require extremely high amounts of water for production, such as how 280 kilos of water used to produce half of a kilo of avocados, and more than four litres of water used to produce a single almond.

The health benefits from a vegan diet are also questionable. Vitamin B12 is found in dairy, fish, and meat products, which are all absent from a vegan's range of food options. A lack of vitamin B12 can have serious health implications. Chris Kresser, author of *The New York Times* bestseller "Your Personal Paleo Code", argues that Vitamin D levels in individuals with vegan diets can be as much as 74 percent lower than those who are not. Other vital nutrients absent in a vegan diet include Omega 3s, creatine, short-chain fats, and carnosine. A study by *Psychology Today* found that 84 percent of vegetarians and vegans eventually return to consuming animal products, with 29 percent reporting to have had health-related issues from the no-meat diet, and 43 percent saying that they abandoned their plant-based diets because of the difficulty associated with maintaining it.

While the vegan diet may seem appealing to many, it is certainly not viable for all, especially given the health implications it can create. The vegan narrative mostly claims that all animal consumption contributes to environmental damage and the rise of global warming, but it's important to recognize the difference between factory farming and organic, sustainable, traditional agricultural farming. I fully agree that there is an unsustainable and unethical agricultural system in place in the United States, but it's unfair to associate the consumption of all animal products to the catastrophic rise of greenhouse gas emissions when most of the implied damages come from one system of agricultural production.

If we change the discussion from avoiding all animal product consumption and believing veganism is the path all individuals should take, to addressing the problems within the actual food production system, a much more effective and mindful solution to these serious issues can be reached.

For democracy and decency, Brazil must reject Jair Bolsonaro and elect Fernando Haddad

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On Oct. 7, the Brazilian people went to the polls to vote in the first round of federal elections, with the end result being a runoff between the top two vote-getters, Fernando Haddad of the Workers' Party (PT) and Jair Bolsonaro of the Social Liberal Party (PSL). Neither candidate is particularly inspiring; Haddad's party has been involved in countless corruption scandals as the governing party over the past fourteen years, while Bolsonaro has openly expressed his disdain of minorities and support for the reinstatement of a military dictatorship, among other revolting beliefs.

While we do not support Haddad nor condone the blatantly corrupt actions of his party, a vote for Haddad is a vote for democracy. We are not blind to his shortcomings. It is unlikely he will be able to revitalize the economy; in fact, past Workers' Party politicians have severely damaged the economy, the judiciary, and politics as a whole. Despite all of this, a vote for Haddad is necessary to prevent Brazil from sliding into right-wing authoritarianism, as seen in many other countries around the globe. A vote for Bolsonaro is a vote for a fascist candidate who publicly supported a military takeover of the government and praised the previous military dictatorship.

One of the most overt displays of Bolsonaro's extremist views and one of the defining characteristics of his campaign is his hateful rhetoric. He does not shy away from expressing his homophobic, racist, and misogynistic views. His honesty and bluntness are not inherently problematic, but his opinions threaten the fundamental rights of millions of Brazilians. In response to a former president of Brazil posting a picture with the LGBTQ+ flag, he stated, "I will not fight them or discriminate against them, but if I see two men kissing on the street, I will beat them."

This is only one of many hateful comments he has made in public. When talking to a female politician in the Chamber of Deputies in Brasilia, he said, "She is too ugly [...] I am not a rapist, but, if I were, I would not rape her because she does not deserve it." Further, during a TV interview, he said "I don't run that risk [of one of my sons marrying a black woman] because my sons were raised right and they did not come from environments like, unfortunately, yours." These statements trivialize the state of LGBTQ+ rights, sexual assault, and racism in Brazil. While Bolsonaro has been publicly chastised for these statements, his views remain unaltered.

Despite the vile rhetoric, Bolsonaro won over 46 percent of the first round voting against twelve other candidates. In light of rising crime and unemployment rates, Brazilians are looking to a no-nonsense candidate like Bolsonaro for immediate solutions. Many believe that having PT, a party that is now synonymous with corruption, in power will only succeed in further destroying the country.

Bolsonaro, however, has confessed that he does not have extensive knowledge of economic matters. Instead, he relies on economist Paulo Guedes to advise him. Guedes' policies mainly promote public spending cuts, privatizing all state-owned companies, and enforcing a taxation scheme in which the richest and the poorest would pay about the same level of taxes. His policies favor economic development over any socio-environmental development, which is not always a good thing.

Bolsonaro has expressed little interest in environmental policy, stating that he would be withdrawing from the Paris Agreement if elected. There is no mention of protection for vulnerable groups, such as the indigenous population or the LGBTQ+ communities.

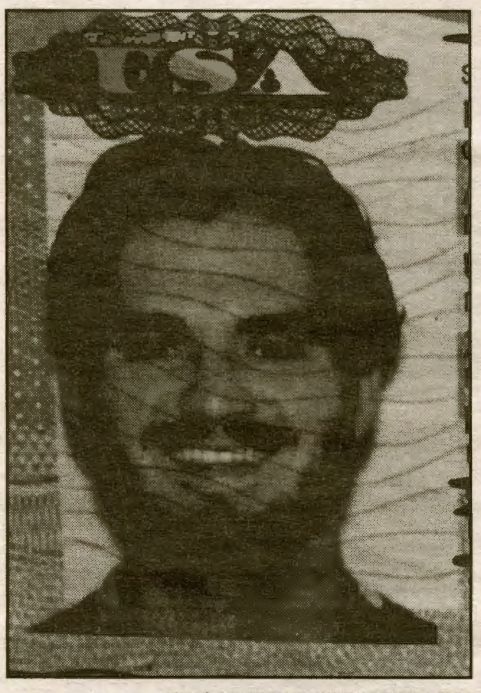
On the other hand, Haddad's economic policies are against company privatization and are for the reinforcement of workers' rights. He intends to establish a social program that would exempt families that work five minimum wage jobs from paying income taxes with the idea that it would allow them to consume again while increasing tax rates for the richest Brazilians. Haddad believes in increasing general public spending and investment in companies to promote economic activity. Both parties' economic strategies have flaws that may prevent them from being sustainable in the long run. One party overemphasizes economic development, and the other may fail due to the costs of social programs and worker benefits.

Brazil is a young democracy — its last dictatorship ended barely 50 years ago — and it does not have the best track record when it comes to politics. Many people long for change and see Bolsonaro as a radical departure from the status quo. However, those people are unlikely to see Bolsonaro's policies and rhetoric as personally dangerous. If you are fortunate enough to not feel threatened, targeted, or attacked by Bolsonaro's possible victory, then you should check your privilege. Brazil is facing a wave of violence and prejudice against minority groups, as Bolsonaro's supporters have been encouraged by his words and actions. While Bolsonaro has not personally perpetrated this violence, it is clear he is their motivation and guide.

Brazilians are right to be hesitant about voting for the Workers' Party, but during the fourteen years that they were in power, the country's democracy was never been threatened. We believe that electing Haddad, and holding him and other politicians accountable for their actions, is the far superior option to electing Bolsonaro and gambling away the freedoms we all take for granted. Brazilians who hope for a better tomorrow must reject Bolsonaro at the polls on Oct. 28.

Bachelor & Bachelor

Antton De Arbeloa '21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Hometown: *Pembroke Pines, F.L.*
Home on Campus: *Babbs.*
Major: *History.*
Turn on? *Dirty talk in Spanish.*
Turn off? *Bad Sex.*
If you were a dorm which would you be and why? *Babbitt because babbs is babbs is babbs and all my classes are in KJ.*
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians, whom would you pick and why? *Frank Sinatra and Rocio Durcal because Sinatra is a dad and Rocio was a classy Spaniard.*
What advertising slogan best describes your life? *Esketit.*
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? *Joder que maja.*
What's your type? *The good type.*
What are three things you cannot live without? *Music, mom, and dad.*
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? *Delta Chai because I LOVE CHAI LATTES. SOY CHAI LATTES WITH NO WATER.*
What's your patronus and why? *Bay Mare because I took the test online.*
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? *Bar Fight.*
What would you give a thumbs up? *Blue Wave in November.*
What would you give a thumbs down? *Nicolas Maburro.*
Who would you say is your campus crush? *Peter Schavee.*
Who would you say is your faculty crush? *Alfred Kelly.*
What would your perfect date be? *Northern Minnesota Lake date.*
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? *A Basque nationalist flag and a WWII helmet.*
If you could remake the points system, what would be the number one offense? *Littering in the Glen.*
Lights on or lights off? *Dimmed lights or candles.*
What's the last lie you told? *No, Peter, I'm not seeing anyone else.*
What was your first thought this morning? *I should probably start my essay.*
What's the meaning of life? *Cats, currency, and plants.*
Which American historical figure are you attracted to and why? *FDR because of his legs.*

Peter Schavee '21

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Hometown: *Twin Cities, M.N.*
Home on Campus: *Major.*
Major: *History, pre-med.*
Turn on? *Socks.*
Turn off? *Feet.*
If you were a dorm which would you be and why? *Milbank, because it is next to Babbitt.*
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians, whom would you pick and why? *Elton John and Bob Seger; they seem like they would have a cool kid.*
What advertising slogan best describes your life? *What could go wrong?*
What TV genre best describes you? *Mockumentary.*
What's your type? *Not a Wisconsinite.*
What are three things you cannot live without? *My tapes, my shoes, Minnesota.*
If you were any social space, what would it be? *Bundy Dining Hall; I like the walk.*
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? *Curling Team; they swept me off my feet.*
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? *Having a pet snake.*
What would you give a thumbs up? *Minnesota.*
What would you give a thumbs down? *Wisconsin.*
Who would you say is your campus crush? *Antton de Arbeloa.*
Who would you say is your faculty crush? *John Eldevik.*
What would your perfect date be? *SoFlo beach time.*
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? *A picture of Antton de Arbeloa as a child.*
If you could remake the points system, what would be the number one offense? *Walking with more than four people in a row on Martin's Way.*
If you were a food, which would you be and why? *Burger; I come in many different forms.*
Lights on or lights off? *Campfire.*
What's the last lie you told? *No Antton, I promise I didn't eat your goldfish.*
What was your first thought this morning? *How many hairs will be in my breakfast at Commons?*
Which member of Disney royalty are you? *Nemo.*
Which American historical figure are you attracted to and why? *Bill Clinton, for his smooth talk.*

Alteri's: a homemade Italian restaurant

by Cassie DeVera '21
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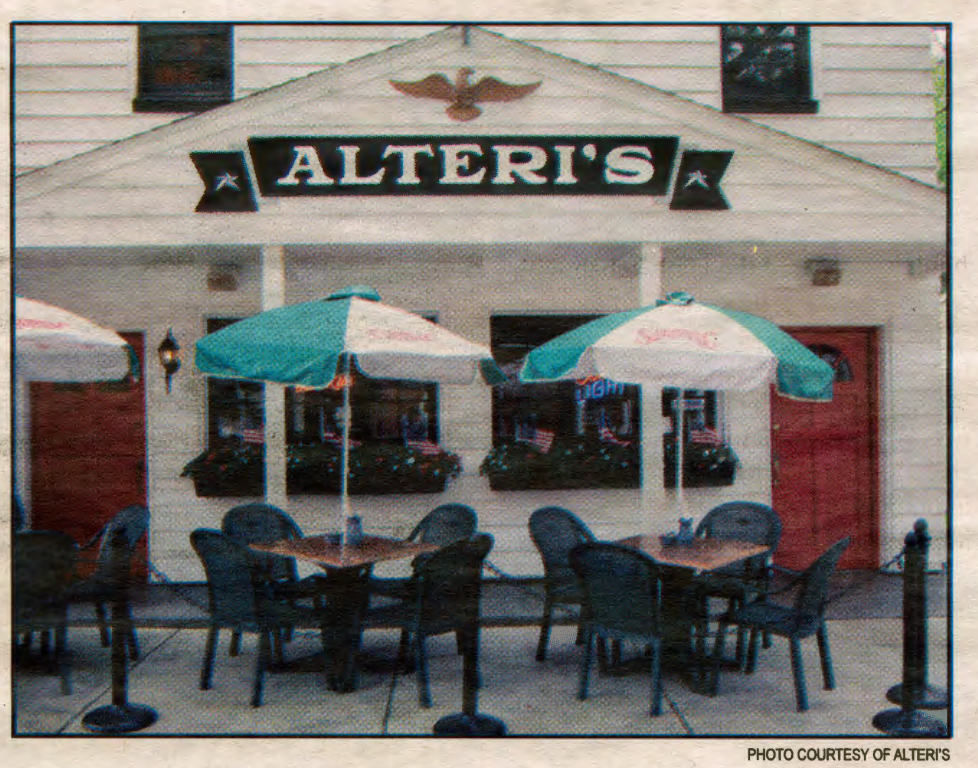
Headed into Clinton? Alteri's is a quaint, family-owned bar and restaurant located just twenty minutes down the Hill by foot and three minutes by car. It began sharing its homestyle Italian cooking with the Village on Valentine's Day in 1953. The restaurant has been passed down through the Alteri family for three generations, and hopes to continue to thrive for many more.

The atmosphere at Alteri's is not what you might expect at 10 PM on a Friday night. During late hours on weekends, bar and restaurant establishments tend to be loud and mildly unpleasant to dine at. Upon arrival at Alteri's, however, guests are led to walk through the bar before being seated in the dining area in the back. The laughter of a 10-person family echoed throughout the fairly empty dining room. Despite the noise from the bar, the volume of the restaurant was at the perfect level to engage in good conversation with friends.

After taking our order for a deluxe hamburger and a plate of spaghetti the waitress brought warm bread and butter to the table. This, surprisingly, was my favorite part of the entire meal. The consistency and overall quality of the bread was comparable to the quality of bread at fine dining establishments with New York City-style pricing. During the 15-minute wait for the main course, I noticed some familiar decor. Hamilton College athletic team photos, apparel, and sports gear — including that of Guy Hebert '89 — adorn two of the walls.



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The exterior of Alteri's restaurant in downtown Clinton. Try the spaghetti with homemade marinara sauce and bread.

When the dishes were served, I was greeted by the tangy aroma of the Alteri's original marinara sauce that accompanied my spaghetti. This truly did taste like a homestyle spaghetti dish, and it was done in no time. The burger, on the other hand, was not as satisfying to us as we had found the bread and spaghetti to be. The texture of the beef patty was similar to the texture of a beef patty cooked in a college dining hall, the buns were slightly squashed, and the chips resting next to the burger were mostly crumbled. After finishing the meal, we waited 10 minutes to receive the check.

Although the burger was a miss and the wait times could be shorter, the bread, spaghetti, cozy environment, and decor deserved praise. We also appreciated that, although it was nearing closing time, we were not rushed to finish our meal. I would certainly be open to returning and trying other items on the menu. If students are looking for a casual place to eat with friends or family, Alteri's is worth a try.

From Where I Sit: Gender Inequality in Myanmar

Hamilton's International Perspectives Column

by Nwe Sar '22
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Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor once said, "Until we get equality in education, we won't have an equal society." Our generation is, arguably, the most sophisticated and knowledgeable generation in the history of the world. For that reason, it is pitiful to see such a profoundly advanced society still fighting inequalities including occupational, educational, gender, and housing equalities.

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, is a country that holds on to an outdated standard that expects a woman to be compliant to her husband's authority. Gender inequality holds personal significance for me as a woman of Burmese descent with family members currently living in Burma. Knowing that my aunts and cousins experience oppression and are much more restricted than men makes fighting gender inequality all the more important for me. I want my fellow Burmese women to experience the freedom of receiving an education and being able to attain equal status with men in society.

In Burma, women are judged harshly if they work outside of the home. Burmese society, and the Burmese government, see women primarily as nurturers; only men are expected to act as the breadwinners for their families. Moreover, the Burmese government has implemented a social system in which obtaining education is difficult for women, and nearly impossible for those from low income families.

In order to get accepted into specialized schools, such as medical or technical schools, female students are expected to score higher than their male counterparts. In addition, the number of vacant positions in schools is very limited. Hence, when choosing between a man and a woman who scored the same for that final seat, schools often choose the male student.

The gender wage gap is another important issue in Burma. In the workplace, women are paid less than men for doing the same exact job. This unfair salary policy places women in a subservient role that discounts their worth and potential. The gender wage gap acts often forces women into the vicious cycle of marrying early to escape poverty and then having many children. General lack of education often leaves Burmese women with no choice but to act on what their society deems fit: reproducing and taking care of the home.

Women's dilemma of societal inequality might take ages to be resolved. Time is needed, along with the education of the populace, to construct a concerted focus on the treatment of women in Myanmar. Not only the people but also the government needs to change and eliminate some policies that have been established to undermine women's equality.

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For such change to happen, educated women must unite and advocate for gender equality in Myanmar. The Burmese government must allow women to assume positions of power. Women need to use their voices to be heard, to reach the masses, to influence those in power, and to fight for those who do not have a voice of their own.

'From Where I Sit' is a column dedicated to international students' voices. If you are interested in contributing a piece, contact Features editors at featspec@hamilton.edu

Hummus and Tabbouleh: a welcome escape from the mundanity of college food

by Peter Case '21
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Located in downtown Utica, Hummus and Tabbouleh offers quality Halal food at solid prices, and is a must-visit for those looking to expand their repertoire of restaurants to take their parents to on Family Weekend. As students on a rural campus, it is easy to get stuck in a culinary rut, and off-campus adventures are often limited to well-known spots like Minar and Pho Mekong. However, Utica's large immigrant population makes it a melting pot of dozens of different cuisines, and a massive asset to students who are looking to try something different. Hummus and Tabbouleh is a good place to start if your dietary routine needs a change.

The shop itself is a small, family-run affair, but rarely gets busy, even during the rush hour at lunchtime on weekends, when I visited. This place screams "authentic," which is a reductive and pretty much meaningless word, but I don't know how else to describe it. It is a hole-in-the-wall with character and food good enough to justify the trip into Utica.

When I visited Hummus and Tabbouleh, I ordered the lamb kebab with stuffed grape leaves and baba ghanoush, in an attempt to sample the "greatest hits" of Middle Eastern cuisine. The lamb kebab was on the dry side, but overall pretty delicious. However, for a steep $17 I would have hoped for more, in both quality and quantity. The serving was small, with only a few slices of lamb between the pita, and lacking in any strong flavor. I would have been less critical of the dish if it had had a less outrageous price tag.

After a few fairly disappointing bites of my kebab, I decided to sample the stuffed grape leaves, and discovered why this restaurant has such glowing reviews on Yelp. Stuffed with paprika, brown rice, and peas, these were an absolute delight. When dipped in the baba ghanoush, a mashed eggplant dish served cold with tahini and olive oil, the rich flavors contained in the rice came to the forefront of my palate, and saved a meal that was bordering on mediocrity.

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A look inside the dining room of Hummus and Tabouleh. Try the stuffed grape leaves with baba ghanoush.

Overall, Hummus and Tabouleh is worth the 20 minute drive from campus. If you go, stick to the basics: appetizers are the best bang for your buck here, and when supplemented with a cheap entree, can give you a satisfying experience sure to bust you out of your Commons-induced food coma.

SEX & the Campus: What to do if you get an STI

by Lucy Munves '19
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Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are some of the most common topics discussed during sex-ed — and with good reason. However, talking only about prevention can be an issue. One in two adults will contract a STI by the age of 25, and, because of a lack of education in this country, you probably won't know what your options are if you get one. Common symptoms of STIs are unusual discharge, sores or warts, pain while urinating, pain during intercourse, and itching and soreness. Here are a list of some of the most common STIs and their treatments.

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Syphilis: If caught early, syphilis can be treated with a single dose of an antibiotic. A person who is being treated for syphilis must wait until the sores that appear upon contraction of the disease heal entirely, in order to avoid infecting others. A longer course of antibiotics may be needed if the STI is not diagnosed right away. If left untreated, syphilis can become much more serious, so the earlier you get tested, the better.

HPV and Genital Warts: The body will actually clear itself of the HPV virus after a few months. However, for women, it is important to have regular pap smears, as the virus can cause abnormal cells to form in the body. Genital warts can be treated with various gels or creams that can be prescribed by a primary care provider. These may require several rounds of treatment before you are cured. In order to prevent further transmission, it is important to make sure that all skin lesions are completely healed before having unprotected sex with a partner.

Chlamydia: Chlamydia is the number one cause of preventable infertility among young adults in the United States for one (somewhat scary) reason: it is often entirely symptomless. Once diagnosed, chlamydia can be treated with a short dose of antibiotics. After finishing the antibiotics, you should wait seven days before having unprotected sex with a partner in order to prevent transmission.

Gonorrhea: This is another type of STI that can show no symptoms. Gonorrhea can be treated with a short dose of antibiotics, and is diagnosed with a urine test. It is important to wait seven days before having sex with a partner after finishing the course of antibiotics.

Herpes: There is currently no permanent cure for herpes. However, certain antiviral medications can be taken to lessen the severity of outbreaks and make them less frequent. Even if there are no visible sores on your genitals, it is still important to use a condom when having sex, as sores may be inside the body and not visible to the naked eye.

Pubic Lice: This is an incredibly common STI among college students, and it is fortunately very easy to treat. Special shampoos are available, either over the counter or by prescription. You should also wash all of your bedding and clothing, especially underwear, in hot water. It isn't necessary to fumigate the room.

Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID): PID is often caused by chlamydia and gonorrhea that are left untreated. It can be treated with antibiotics. However, if the infection is serious enough, intravenous antibiotics may be necessary.

These are just a few of the most common STIs that college-age students contract. While it may be upsetting to get an STI, it is not the end of the world — many are treatable. Remember, if you test positive for an STI, you always have to tell any previous sexual partners and encourage them to get tested. You must also inform all sexual partners that you have an STI while you are STI-positive. There are many resources available for testing, such as the Health Center and the Planned Parenthood in Utica. When in doubt, it is always better to get tested, and those who are sexually active should do so regularly.

A behind-the-scenes look into the 18th annual Hogwarts at Hamilton

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Students transformed Benedict Hall into Hogwarts on Friday and Saturday

On Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20, the 18th annual Hogwarts at Hamilton took place in Benedict Hall. All shows were free and open to the public, with family-friendly tours beginning at 5:00, 6:00, and 8:00 PM on Friday, and at 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, and 8:00 PM on Saturday. Adult performances also took place on Friday and Saturday at 9:30 and 10:30 PM. Most Hamilton students are unaware of the work that goes into pulling off such a performance. As a cast member, I had a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to stage this hallmark event.

Auditions took place in early September in three stages. First, a group audition took place for anyone who wanted to audition. Everyone stood in the center of the Barn while E-board members watched from the upstairs balcony and shouted situations for us to act out. Some examples of these scenarios are to be "obliviated," to vomit slugs, or to be a spider on roller-skates.

After the group audition, everyone split up into smaller groups with an E-board member who led more individualized auditions. For example, in one exercise, each member from my group chose a Harry Potter character to act out, while I went away so I would not hear. When I came back, I had to ask each member questions until I figured out which character they were portraying. For the third part of the audition, everyone gathered in a circle in the Barn and improvised different scenarios from Harry Potter.

The next day, the cast list was released and everyone who was selected was organized into groups by classroom. The four main classrooms this year were Herbology, Defense Against the Dark Arts (DADA), Potions, and Muggle Studies. We also included a Hogwarts teacher's lounge and Hogwarts student common room. Additionally, four students were chosen to be tour guides to represent the four Hogwarts houses: Ravenclaw's Grey Lady (Bria Dox '22), Gryffindor's Nearly Headless Nick (Salma Alaoui '22), Hufflepuff's Fat Friar (Kat Gardilcic '22), and Slytherin's Bloody Baron (Isabel Bates '21). I was cast as Angelina Johnson and placed in DADA, led by E-Board members Andy Letai '19 (as Gilderoy Lockhart) and Theo Golden '20 (as Goyle). Our group met every Monday night from 10:15 to 11:15 PM in KJ 102 until the week of the performance.

In the first couple rehearsals, we brainstormed ideas for the family-friendly show and improvised different scenarios to find out which jokes worked best. Every classroom made sure to include the children from the audience in their skits. In DADA, we had three duels. Two of the duels involved kids from the audience dueling against Susan Bones (Dianne-Lee Ferguson '22) and Hannah Abbott (Sarya Khandare '22). After finishing the storyline for the family-friendly show, we started to brainstorm ideas for the adult show. The part of this process that was the most fun was conceptualizing creative ways to incorporate Hamilton's many inside jokes into the skit. In DADA specifically, Gilderoy attended the "Warlocka Flocka Flame Concert," "Filch Coots" took away Crabbe (Lizzy Egey '19), and Goyle's pet snake Nagini and Lee Jordan (Clara Kohrman '21) got norovirus from the house elves.

On Thursday, Oct. 18, the day before our first show, all of the "classrooms" met in the Annex for a dress rehearsal and to go over the logistics of the performance. Everyone who played a Hogwarts student was provided with a wand, a cloak, and a tie that matched their house colors. The schedule worked out so that each classroom would perform four shows every hour with breaks in between, allowing the cast members to watch the other classroom skits. On Friday, everyone arrived an hour before the first show to help decorate and transform the ordinary Hamilton classrooms into magical Hogwarts classrooms.

Not only was Hogwarts at Hamilton a fun way for students to live out their Hogwarts fantasies, but the club also raised $300 for the Kirkland Township Library. If anyone is interested in more Harry Potter themed events, the E-Board will be hosting their annual Yule Ball on Saturday, Dec. 1.

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Students, who played members of Ravenclaw House, pose together

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Hufflepuff House actors are all smiles during the big night

Previewing Fallcoming musical performances

by Emma Mae Regan '22
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Hamilton College's 2018 Fallcoming and Family Weekend will include a variety of musical performances. All of the shows will be free and open to anyone, including students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and the local community.

There will be two a cappella concerts, with one on Friday, Oct. 26 and the other on Saturday, Oct. 27. Both performances will take place in the Chapel and begin at 9:00 PM.

"Some groups will be singing slightly different sets at the two concerts, but for the most part, they will be the same. We like to have two [shows] so that everyone who wants to can come, as the chapel is usually packed both nights!" said Josie Blatt '21, one of the co-assistant music directors of Special K.

All five a cappella groups will be performing. Those groups are all-female group Special K, all-female group Tumbling After, all-male group The Buffers, all-gender group Duelly Noted, and all-gender group The Hamiltones.

At the concert, the a cappella groups will be debuting their new repertoires and showing the Hamilton community what they have worked on during the semester.

"This concert is also special in that each group usually has at least one song that they invite alumni on stage to sing, which I find to be a very heartwarming part of the concert," said Blatt.

Blatt encourages everyone to attend the concert because the show reconnects Hamilton alumni with their a cappella groups, introduces new group members to the community, and is always enjoyable for visiting parents.

"[The performance] is a great way to transport your parents back to their college days, or just enjoy some beautiful music with them! [...] It is also nice to have a lot of people to welcome [the new members] [...] and to see that the musical connection in the groups stays even beyond graduation," said Blatt.

The Hamilton College Choir and College Hill Singers will be performing on Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 PM in Wellin Hall. This performance will be part of a combined evening program with the Department of Dance and Movement studies.

"The College Choir and College Hill Singers will be performing pieces by Henry Purcell, Samuel Barber, Vienna Teng, Kim Andre Arnesen, and others. The music spans the western canon of choral works from madrigals to modern works by living composers," said Professor Danan Tsan, Interim Director of Choral Activities.

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The Hamilton College Choir will perform on Oct. 26 in Wellin Hall

Professor Tsan mentioned some notable pieces of the concert that viewers can look forward to.

"The College Choir is excited to be performing a piece called Hymn of Acxiom by Vienna Teng," she said. "The College Hill Singers will be featured on a piece written in 2011 by J. David Moore with text by Jack Manno, retired professor from SUNY- ESF, who will be at the concert to read his *Earth Blessing*. We will also have the choir president, Andi Dickmeyer '19, leading the choir and alumni in Carissima."

She believes that the Hamilton and Clinton communities "should come to the chorus concert to enjoy a wonderful night of music that they most often don't get to hear."

"The choirs are terrific, the music is varied and complex, and the choral part of the concert isn't very long [...] probably right around 35 minutes," said Professor Tsan.

The Orchestra and Jazz Ensembles will be performing on Saturday, Oct. 27 in Wellin Hall. The Orchestra will begin the concert at 7:30 PM, and the Jazz Ensemble will follow at around 8:15 PM.

The Orchestra is playing Russian composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 1 subtitled "Winter Dreams." Professor of Music and Director of the Hamilton College Orchestra Heather Buchman said she selected the piece for multiple reasons.

"[Symphony No. 1 is] a great icebreaker for the orchestra for the first semester. I tried to rotate different composers for a student during their four years in the orchestra and we have not played any Tchaikovsky in a while. Also, a lot of [the orchestra students] are fans of Russian music, and some of them are going to study abroad in Russia, so I thought this piece would be even more fun for them," said Professor Buchman.

At the Family Weekend concert, the Orchestra will play three out of four of the symphony's movements, omitting the third movement. The Orchestra will play the entire symphony at the Winter Concert on Dec. 7.

A unique aspect of Hamilton Orchestra is that, in addition to the 35 Hamilton students that play in it, there are about 15 members of the local community who are members as well.

"It is a nice vibe when you have this diversity of people in the group. We have sort of made ourselves into a resource for members of the community who are looking for a place where they can play. It brings more people on campus," said Professor Buchman.

She also suggests to go to the show because "you can hear two really great music department ensembles, each of which is going to sound completely different. There will be a lot of excitement on stage with both the Orchestra and with the Jazz Ensemble. We really have a high level of musicianship among the student body."

The Jazz Ensemble will play an variety of pieces, including "Mission to Moscow" by Benny Goodman, a blues piece, a slow piece, and two pieces composed by students. Benny Goodman was an American jazz clarinetist and bandleader. The students wrote their music over the summer and have worked with the Jazz Ensemble during the past semester to prepare it for this weekend's concert.

The Jazz Ensemble is a large band, which is a type of ensemble that consists of over 10 musicians divided between the four instrument sections of saxophones, trombones, trumpets, and rhythm. "Doctuh" Michael Woods, the Leonard C. Ferguson Professor of Music, has worked with the Jazz Ensemble particularly on tempo and style in order to bring out the artistic qualities of the pieces and to make the music the "star" of the event.

Doc Woods recommends attending the concerts because he believes that the presence of visual arts, music, and theater serves as a barometer of the culture of a community.

All of the conductors of these different groups are proud of the work ethic and discipline that their students and peers have put into their preparation, indicating that there is much to look forward to at the concerts this weekend.

First-year students form new indie band, MILK

by Nick Lyons '22
A&E Contributor

I took my seat in Sadove thinking that this would be a low-key, casual show with a dozen people and a few good songs. However, as I witnessed at least fifty people come in after me, I quickly realized that these guys must have a good show to put on. They did not disappoint. The new on-campus band, MILK, is a self-described indie group that hit the Hamilton campus this weekend. The group consists of five members of the class of 2022: lead guitarist, Mitch Greene, drummer Joseph Reiner, bassist Matt Jankowski, keyboardist (and surprise trombonist!) Jackson Dusinberre, and front man Ben Leit.

The show opened with a stellar performance by Andrew Little '22 that warmed the audience up with a few good laughs. When MILK took the stage, the audience kept up the same energy and enthusiasm. Leit introduced his fellow members — each time with a touch of humor — and immediately established a fun and lighthearted energy in the room.

Covering jazz and funk pieces like Thundercat's "Them Changes," to contemporary hits like Post Malone's "Stay," these guys did it all, and they did it with a polish you would not expect from a young, emerging band. That polish, paired with their interactions with the audience and their performance energy, made MILK an instant success. Their chemistry as a group was palpable, and it translated to an enjoyable experience for everyone. I found myself disappointed when the performance was over, realizing that this band is something special. Fortunately, after the show, I had the chance to sit down and talk with the members of MILK about their formation and the show.

The five of them met, according to Leit, through the College Musician's Facebook group. Leit and Greene had known each other previously and decided to start a band. They put up a post on the page's wall, and received responses from Reiner and Jankowski. Leit later approached Dusinberre, a fellow inhabitant of South residence hall, and MILK was born. From there, the obvious question arose: where did the name "MILK" come from?

"It's actually a funny story," Dusinberre says, "Sort of like The Topical, I keep notes of things I overhear in my phone, and one of them, in all caps, was just, 'MILK.' So, in deciding between that and, 'My Dad's a Lawyer,' we chose MILK."

When asked about how they were contributing to — or changing — the existing Hamilton identity, they had an interesting insight on the matter.

"I think in emerging as a new group, we're kind of the first of the new group of students entering the on-campus music scene," says Jankowski, "It's kind of showing people that it's not some exclusive group [...] we're making it a more diverse community."

Reiner adds, "Another big thing is that a lot of times, while people at Hamilton are a diverse group, individuals are often viewed as having one identity within themselves. We want to do away with that notion. I also play tennis, Jackson plays for the Ultimate Frisbee team, and Ben and Mitch are involved with theatre. We want to make a community of people that are as internally diverse as we are externally as a college."

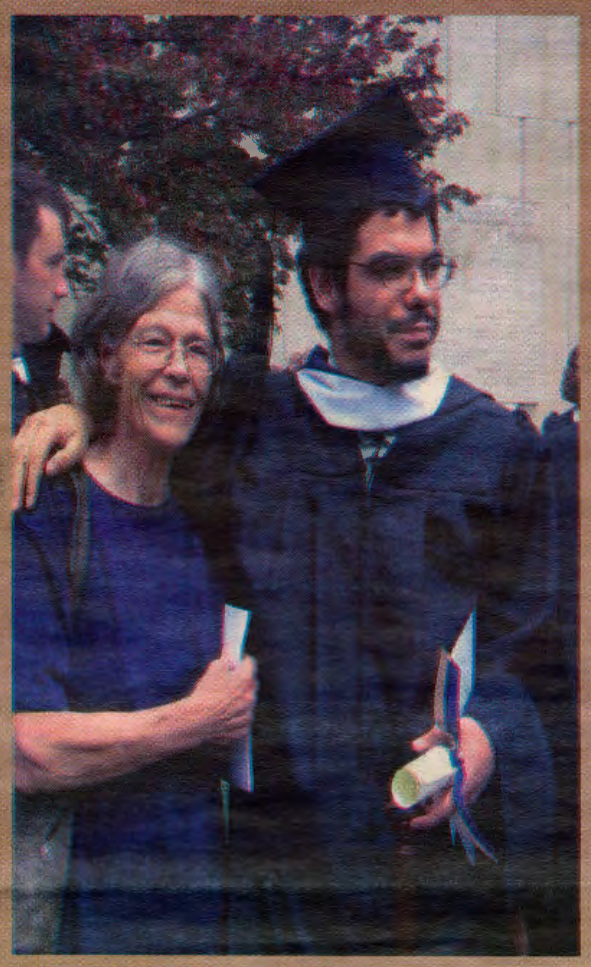
I also took the opportunity to give the group a platform to speak, and asked if there was anything they wanted the students of Hamilton to know.

"Well, we're going to try and play as much as possible," says Leit. "We're planning two more shows before the end of the semester — one before Thanksgiving, and one before exams — and we're also interested in working with other groups on campus. If anyone wants us to open for them, or if they want to open for us, we're totally cool with that."

"We're also looking for special guest performers for shows," says Greene, "If anybody plays a particular instrument that we could incorporate to a song somehow, we'd love to do that."

An Academic Journey from Johannesburg South Africa to Clinton, NY

A memorial for Gillian Gane, Professor of English hosted by her son, Robin Gane-McCalla '07



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Last week's scores: Week of Oct. 18

Volleyball (7-12) on Friday, Oct. 19 at Wheaton

	1	2	3	4	F
Wheaton	21	21	25	15	1
Hamilton	25	25	23	25	3

Women's soccer (8-4-3) on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Colby

	1	2	F
Colby	1	2	3
Hamilton	1	1	2

#13 Field hockey (10-4) on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Colby

	1	2	F
Colby	0	1	1
#13 Hamilton	0	0	0

Volleyball (7-12) on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Wellesley

	1	2	3	4	F
Wellesley	25	17	25	25	3
Hamilton	16	25	22	14	1

Men's soccer (8-6-1) on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Colby

	1	2	F
Colby	0	0	0
Hamilton	1	1	2

Women's soccer (8-4-3) on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at SUNY Oswego

	1	2	OT	2OT	F
SUNY	0	2	0	0	2
Hamilton	2	0	0	1	3

Football (2-4) on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Colby College

	1	2	3	4	F
Colby	7	3	7	6	23
Hamilton	7	0	14	0	21

Men's cross country on Oct. 20 at Hamilton Short Course: 1st of 3

Women's cross country on Oct. 20 at Hamilton Short Course: 1st of 4

Women's rowing on Sunday, Oct. 21 at the Head of the Charles Regatta: varsity 8 boat was 13th place out of 28 boats

New app helps fans #BackOurBlue

The student Athlete Advisory Committee recently launched a new app for those who love going to sporting events on campus. The app allows you to get rewarded for the events that you go to. SuperFan rewards you for going to athletic events and supporting your friends and peers. Check into events, get points, and redeem your points for FREE apparel and experiences at the end-of-semester pop up shop! Some examples include a discount on apparel at the bookstore, phone wallets, and more, including a chance to win a VIP parking spot. SuperFan is compatible on iPhone and Android. To download, go to the App Store, search "SuperFan-Loyalty Rewards", and download! Search for Hamilton, create your account and you will be on your way!

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MVP: Cat Gambino '21

Gambino scored 3 goals in last Tuesday's game against SUNY Oswego, a career high for the sophomore. All three of Hamilton's goals came from Gambino in the double-overtime victory which elevated women's soccer to 8-4-3. Gambino leads the NESCAC with 25 points, and is second with 11 goals. She has seven goals and two assists in her last four games.

Parents' Weekend athletic schedule

Friday, October 26	6 P.M. Club hockey at Sage Rink
Saturday, October 27	1:30 P.M. Football (2-4) vs. Williams College (4-2) at Steuben Field 2:00 P.M. Volleyball (7-12) vs. Utica College (5-20) at Margaret Bundy Scott Field House 2:00 P.M. Men's rugby vs. Lemoyne College at Minor Field 3:00 P.M. Men's club soccer vs. Colgate University at Withiam Field 7:00 P.M. Club hockey vs. Onondaga Community College at Sage Rink
Sunday, October 28	2:00 P.M. Club hockey at Sage Rink

SAAC Game of the Week: Football

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Football (2-4) will take on Williams (4-2) in this year's Homecoming game. Hamilton lost 24-6 to the Ephs during their 2017 matchup but hope to rebound. The game will be at Saturday, Oct. 27 at 1:30 P.M. on Steuben Field in Clinton, N.Y. This is also this week's SAAC Game of the Week.

Men's rugby looks to extend undefeated season in division championship

by Peter Case '21
Contributing Writer

Coming off a decisive victory against Le Moyne College last weekend, the Hamilton Men's Rugby Exiles are looking to clinch the division championship in a rematch against Le Moyne this Saturday at 2:00 PM on Minor Field.

Currently ranked 16th in the nation, the Exiles have racked up an impressive 5-0-1 record this season, making them the only current undefeated team on campus. The team finished the season with a point differential of +119, nearly twice that of the next closest team, cementing them firmly at the top of their division and making their prospects for the postseason promising to say the least.

However, the push to the playoffs has not been a walk in the park for the Exiles, who grinded to a close 42-34 victory over historic rivals SUNY Plattsburgh three weekends ago. In a nail-biting, grueling match, Hamilton was able to clinch the win despite a strong Plattsburgh offense. The team's Facebook page on Oct. 8 had this to say about the win:

"After driving downfield for an early first-half try by backs captain and fly-half Henry "Chips" Golden, the Exiles let in a quick Plattsburgh try off of a poached pass. Our pregame overconfidence soon faded and the Exiles' forwards dug in for a long match of attrition warfare as Plattsburgh battled back with a series of grueling pick-and-go tries. Come the second half, however, our mighty props dug in their heels and stopped any progression off of the rucks. With our defense secure, our crack squad of backs was again free to do their thang as they channeled their undirtied boots and unbloodied faces straight through the now-gaping holes in Plattsburgh's defense."

In what many expected to be their toughest match of the season against the second-best team in the division, Hamilton authoritatively trounced the Le Moyne Koonducks last weekend by a score of 46-29. Coming off of a 41-0 mercy rule victory against SUNY Potsdam, the team's confidence was high and the group focused their sights on completing their undefeated regular season. Against Le Moyne, the Exiles scored eight tries, with "Man of the Match" Will Richardson '21 scoring four tries alone. Christopher Albino '20 weighed in with two tries of his own, and seniors Nick Pace '19 and Max Kohn '19 added a try each to fully cement Hamilton's victory.

The division championship, which will be held on Minor Field this Saturday, Oct. 27, will be a rematch of last weekend's match against Le Moyne. The winner will progress to the league championship the following weekend. While the Exiles neatly disposed of the Koonducks the last time they met, Le Moyne will surely be hungrier than ever to beat Hamilton given the stakes of their Saturday match.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PETER CASE '21

Men's rugby is the only undefeated Hamilton team this season

But that doesn't seem to bother forward captain Harry Dubke '19, who said, "Le Moyne is a tough and gritty team, there's no doubt about that. They spent all of last game pounding the ball back into our defensive line and will be coming out with a fire in their bellies this week, but we are prepared. We've played them once. We've beat them once. And when it comes down to it, the Exiles' discipline, drive, and determination to win are unmatched. They may come out swinging after last week's defeat, but we are going to come out playing this game just as any other: fast as lightning with an absolutely unrelenting drive towards victory."

Geoffrey Schweller '19 also weighed in on the Exile's season, stating excitedly that "the team is really good this year." Before the match on Saturday, the Hamilton College Grilling Club will provide food and a tailgate, so come early for some barbecue and get excited for one of the most intense playoff games of the season. The game will begin on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 2 PM on Minor Field.

What you missed in last week's athletics

NESCAC Women's Soccer Championship bracket released

#1 Williams Ephs	vs.	#8 Colby Mules	
#2 Middlebury Panthers	vs.	#7 Bowdoin Polar Bears	
#3 Amherst Mammoths	vs.	#6 Hamilton Continentals	
#4 Tufts Jumbos	vs.	#5 Wesleyan Cardinals	

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Celia Lau '20 and Libby Warner '19 were named to the NESCAC Women's Golf All-Conference Team, 2 of 10 golfers from across the NESCAC selected for their performance this season.

Water polo sweeps at championship

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newcomers Kaplan, Caroline Paulson '21, S.J. Bennett '22, Claire Goldstein '22, and Annie Danielson '22 improved drastically during their first years playing water polo."

The future looks bright for the Continentals water polo team as they will continue to improve through the offseason until next year. The team has worked incredibly hard to learn the game from scratch and to become successful players in such a short period of time. This makes the team's performance all the more impressive, as a number of the players have never played the sport before. Yet, they have the endurance to play entire games and have impressive wins alongside learning the rules and rhythm of water polo.

The Continentals will be ready to show how much they have improved next year just as they did this year. Hearne lauded the team's season, saying, "Overall Hamilton College enjoyed another strong season of water polo and appreciated the opportunity to host the New York State Championships once again." The water polo team has done a fantastic job to develop students to play to the best of their ability, and it will be exciting to see how the team does next year.

Water polo swept the second bracket in the State Championship

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Water polo sweeps second bracket of state championship in dominant fashion

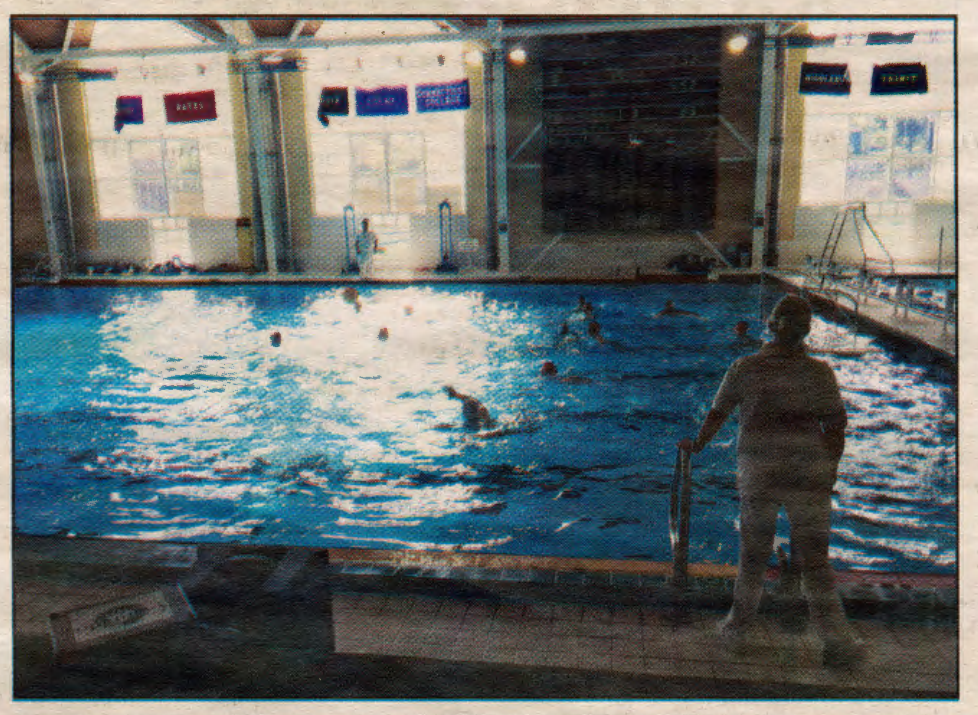
by Brent Schoeller '21
Contributing Writer

The water polo team played in their final tournament of the year this weekend, winning the 2018 CWPA New York State Championships in the second bracket. The Continentals performed well in all three of their games against tough competition. Captain Frankie Hearne '19 said, "The Hamilton College water polo team excelled at our final tournament of the year. The resounding victories we achieved at our final tournament was a result of hard work by our veterans and new players alike."

The team was able to defeat the Raiders of Colgate University 18-1, with goals from David Gagnidze '20, Caroline Paulson '21, and Ben Kaplan '21.This blowout victory was a confidence-boosting win to start of the tournament. However, Hearne thought that the 15-6 win against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) was the most impressive, saying, "Our strongest showing was against our D3 rivals RPI. Our team came together and played Hamilton's brand of shutdown defense to claim the game."

The third win of the weekend was another dominant one, a 14-point defeat of Buffalo University by a score of 18-4. The undefeated weekend capped off an already successive season. The final game featured goals in the final quarter from Jake Lowry '19 and SJ Bennett '22.

Two standout players from the weekend were undoubtedly Spencer Dutton '20 and Evan Tatro '20, each of whom had 15 goals over the 3 games.



The team takes the water for the CWPA New York State Championships

For the graduating members of the team, it was a weekend to remember. "[The seniors] enjoyed excellent tournament to end their college water polo careers," said Hearne, adding that being able to do it all in the home pool added an additional degree of meaning to the achievement.

The team is primed to maintain its success next year with many key players returning to Hamilton. Hearne had this to say of the team's future: "Co-Captains Tatro and Chris Wan look to lead the team to even greater heights next year with fellow junior and left sniper Spencer Dutton." Hearne also anticipates improvement from younger players as they make the transition to becoming veteran water polo players, highlighting up-and-comers of the team. "Both Valentin Scognamillo '21 and David Gagnidze '20 enjoyed strong showings at their second state tournaments and

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In review: sailing wraps up fall season

by Grace Myers '19
Sports Editor

The Hamilton sailing team finished the fall portion of their 2018-19 season two weekends ago with strong showings given the age of the team. Helmed by men's captains Zach Baum '19 and Cal Reynolds '20 and by women's captain Sofia Maeztu '20, the team benefited from experienced leadership and has welcomed a group of new sailors as well.

The team, which had existed before at Hamilton but had fallen by the wayside when interest waned, was revamped in 2016 by Baum. Interest grew quickly, and by their first regatta in Fall 2016, the team had over 20 members that Reynolds described as "bright, young, and eager to learn and improve." As a part of the Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA), the Continentals race in regattas against teams ranging from Colgate University to Harvard University. The team competes in both the fall and the spring, practicing at the nearby Cazenovia Lake.

The regattas, which are weekend-long affairs that require exhausting days on the water and long travel times, are exciting meetings of some of the best collegiate sailors on the east coast. The team races in 420-class sailboats, with two sailors to a boat. There are no set boat player compositions; sailors can move from boat-to-boat depending on outside factors such as wind speed and prior regatta performance.

Hamilton attended three regattas during the fall season, the first of which was at Cornell University from Saturday, Sept. 8 to Sunday, Sept. 9. The second regatta of the season was hosted by neighbors to the north as the team travelled to Kingston, Ontario from Saturday, Sept. 29 to Sunday, Sept. 30 at Queens University. This regatta marked the team's best overall finishes, where two boats achieved 4th-place finishes. One of the 4th-place boats had Baum skippering and Sarah Downey '21 crewing. The other was skippered by Reynolds and crewed by Nicole Papert '21. The team ended up 9th out of 13 teams overall.

The Merchant Marine Regatta at the US Merchant Marine Academy outside of New York City on Saturday, Oct. 13 was the third and final regatta for the team, and also marked the best single finish of the season, with one boat finishing in second place. That boat was also skippered by Reynolds and crewed by Papert for another successful finish from the duo. That second-place finish was in the 18th race of the weekend out of 22 races total. Baum noted the difficulty of such a long day, saying, "22 races in one weekend is no joke, and I'm proud of the dedication and teamwork displayed by everyone this season."

Reynolds says, "The team's performance in competition in the past two years can be described as very hot-and-cold. However, the familial team environment and holistic passion by our team members make me believe that we are eventually destined for consistent success in competition."

The team will return in the spring for the end of their 2018-19 season. Next year, the Continentals will return two of their three experienced captains, retaining a key core that has made the team successful so far. Reynolds, as he moves into a senior leadership role next season, feels optimistic. "I have high hopes for the future of our team and that hopefully as early as next year we will be able to break through and rise to the top of our conference to qualify for the post-season championships, which would be a program first."

Looking back on the fall season, Baum noted how the team has grown in MAISA recognition and in size since its re-establishment in 2016. "We're looking forward to an even more competitive season next year as the team continues to grow," he said.

The Continentals will sail again in a regatta planned for late April.

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Two Hamilton sailors ready their dinghy for a regatta